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SUBJ: CUBAN-ETHIOPIAN CIVILIAN COOPERATION AGREEMENT

1. GRANMA, SEPTEMBER 29, REPORTS SIGNATURE PREVIOUS DAY IN ADDIS OF CUBAN-ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. GRANMA SAYS, UNDER AGREEMENT, ETHIOPIA WILL RECEIVE "HUNDREDS OF (CUBAN) SPECIALISTS FREE OF CHARGE." GRANMA ALSO INDICATES THAT "OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS WILL BE ESTABLISHED." (COMMENT: THIS MAY REFER TO AREAS IN WHICH ETHIOPIA WILL PAY SOME COMPENSATION. NOTE THAT CUBA IS APPARENTLY RECEIVING COMPENSATION FROM ANGOLA FOR SOME, IF NOT ALL, CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE. GENERAL CUBAN PRINCIPLE IS THAT MORE PROSPEROUS COUNTRIES SHOULD PAY FOR ASSISTANCE, WHILE POORER COUNTRIES SHOULD RECEIVE HELP FOR FREE.)

2. NEW AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO GRANMA, INCLUDES COLLABORATION IN AGRICULTURE, CATTLE-RAISING, IRRIGATION, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC PLANNING. UNDER AGREEMENT, MORE CUBAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL WILL
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APPARENTLY BE SENT TO ETHIOPIA AND MORE ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS WILL COME TO CUBA. NEW ACCORD WAS SIGNED BY CAMAGUEY PROVINCE CP FIRST SECRETARY RAUL CURBELO WHO LED CUBAN SURVEY TEAM TO ETHIOPIA IN MAY AND JUNE. GRANMA DOES NOT INDICATE WHETHER CURBELO WILL REMAIN IN ETHIOPIA AS PRINCIPAL CUBAN CIVILIAN REPRESENTATIVE--IN MANNER OF CUBAN CP SECRETARIAT MEMBER JORGE RISQUET IN ANGOLA.

3. COMMENT: GRANMA PROVIDES NO INDICATION OF WHAT
CONNECTION, IF ANY, AUGMENTED CUBAN CIVILIAN PRESENCE IN
ETHIOPIA WILL HAVE ON CUBAN MILITARY FORCE LEVELS THERE.
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